

**CHAPTER NO. 811**

**SENATE BILL NO. 3137**

**By Burchett, Beavers, Bryson, Burks, Clabough, Cohen, Cooper, Crowe, Crutchfield, Dixon, Ford, Fowler, Graves, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Jackson, Ketron, Kilby, Kurita, Kyle, McLeary, McNally, Miller, Norris, Curtis S. Person, Jr., Ramsey, Southerland, Trail, Williams, Mr. Speaker Wilder**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 3079**

**By Armstrong, Tindell, Hagood, Buttry, Harry Brooks, Dunn, Bittle, Rinks, Hargrove**

AN ACT to name the new State Veterans Home in Knoxville in honor of Senator Ben Atchley.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the new State Veterans Home in Knoxville is hereby designated the "Senator Ben Atchley State Veterans Home" as a lasting tribute to an outstanding public servant who has distinguished himself as a true friend of veterans as a member of the general assembly for thirty-two remarkable years and as Senate Republican Leader for eighteen years.

SECTION 2. The Department of Veterans Affairs is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the new State Veterans Home in Knoxville as the "Senator Ben Atchley State Veterans Home".

SECTION 3. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the Department of Veterans Affairs from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 4. In addition to the signage provided for in Section 2, suitable signs may be installed at the new State Veterans Home in Knoxville to honor those worthy citizens responsible for the existence of such facility, provided that the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid from non-state funds.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 20, 2004



JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2004



PHIL BREDEBEN, GOVERNOR